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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGSVK UNWFC, EAGR, BG

SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL THRID SESSION

REF: STATE 94832

1. ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED MAY 3 US PROPOSAL FOR ADOPTING PROBLEM OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AS UNIFYING THEME OF THRID WFC SESSION WITH SOLE DACCA-BASED BANGLADESH DELEGATE TO MAY 9-13 PREPARATORY SESSION, AGRICULTURE ADDITIONAL SECRETARY OBAIDULLAH KHAN. ECON COUNSELOR ALSO LEFT WITH KHAN WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF US PROPOSAL DRAWN FROM FIRST THREE PARAS REFTEL.

2. GENERAL. AG SEC KHAN SAID THAT BDG HAS COLLABORATED WITH FAO IN THE PREPARATION OF ELEVEN PAPERS ADDRESSING AGRICULTURE ISSUES IN BANGLADESH. ONE PAPER ADDRESSED FOOD AND NUTRITION ISSUES AND, ACCORDING AG SEC, STRESSES NEED FOR BANGLADESH TO: A) REDUCE CEREAL IMPORT GAP; B) DIVERSITY CROP PRODUCTION TO EMPHASIZE MORE NUTRITIOUS FOODS AND IMPROVED SOURCES OF PROTEIN, INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PULSES, OIL SEEDS AND FISH; C) PRODUCE DIVERSIFIED CROPS FOR EXPORT AND D) EMPHASIZE LABOR-INTENSIVE EMPLOYMENT-CREATING METHODS.

3. AG SEC NOTED THET EIGHTY PERCENT OF BANGLADESHIS SUFFER FROM PROTEIN SHORTAGE AND THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO STRESS AT MAY PREPARATORY MEETING SPECIFIC BDG NEED

TO DIVERSITY CEREALS PRODUCTION AND ENGAGE IN RESEARCH  
ON PRODUCTION OF GROUNDNUTS AND PLUSES, AND ALSO ON RAISING  
VEGATABLES ON MARGINAL LAND. HE AGREED TO CONSIDER US  
PROPOSAL.

4. BDG DELEGATION TO WFC THRID SESSION, AG SEC  
EXPECTS THAT ADVISOR IN CHARGE OF AGRICULTURE MINISTRY  
(EQUIVALENT TO US SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE) WOULD LEAD  
BDG DELEGATION, WITH AG SEC; FOOD SECRETARY MANZUR  
MURSHED; PLANNING MINISTRY AGRICULTURE DIVISION, CHIEF  
M.A. SALAM; AND ADG AMBASSADOR IN MANILA, AS DELEGATION  
MEMBERS.

5. COMMENT. HARVARD-TRAINED OBAIDULLAH KHAN IS GENERALLY  
SYMPATHETIC TO US VIEWPOINTS AND WE HAVE WORKED  
EASILY AND CLOSELY WITH HIM HERE. USDEL MAY FIND  
IT USEFUL TO FOLLOW UP IN ROME WITH HIM.  
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